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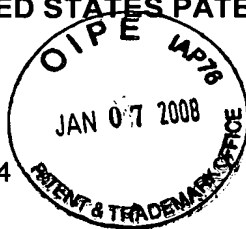
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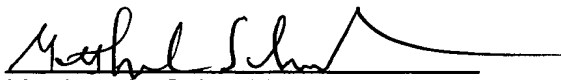
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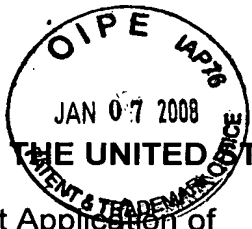
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The six documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 were cited in an Official Action issued by the German Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the German Official Action and an English language translation of the German Official Action are also attached.

Japanese Application Publication No. 2002-030844 was previously cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application and is thus not cited once again.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required.

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October 5, 2007. Thus, the three month date for purposes of this certification is January 5, 2008 which is a Saturday.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

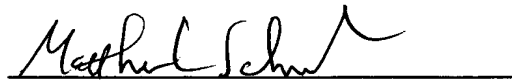
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